

## School Sports Tops

Please could all school sports tops be returned on Monday so they can be accounted for. Thank you.

## Community News

**Carols in the Cave** Tickets for Carols in the Cave including Titiwai Children's Choir, can be obtained by ringing the Caves Discovery Centre on Monday 29 November from 8.35am. Phone 07 8787640.

### OTOROHANGA District library

Summer holiday reading programme 2010-11. The big bush read. Join in this year's summer holiday reading programme. Read your way through the summer, earn incentives as you go, come on a bush walk, then bring the family to a finale! The programme is open to children aged six and upwards. Places are limited so registration is essential. Call into the Otorohanga library or phone 07 873 7175 to book a place for your children.

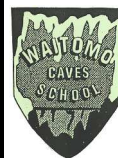


**Aurora School of Dance** End of Year Concert. "Dance a Rainbow". Te Kuiti Primary School Hall, 7pm Thursday 2 December. Adults \$5, Children \$1. Come and see our ballet.

## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

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| 26 November      | Quiz Night                     |
| 30 Nov – 2 Dec   | Tokikapu Marae camp            |
| 7 December       | Board meeting                  |
| 9 December       | School Prizegiving             |
| 10 December      | Reports and Portfolios go home |
| 10 – 12 December | Carols in the Cave             |
| 13 December      | Parent/Teacher report evening  |
| 15 December      | Last day of Term 4             |
| 1 February 2011  | Term 1 begins for 2011         |

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# Newsletter

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Term Four 2010

Week Seven – 26 November

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

This is the penultimate newsletter for the year with only two and a half weeks to go. It is a busy end of term which makes this newsletter one you don't want to skim over.

Ms Easton and I will be attending a First Aid refresher course on Monday 29 November. Mrs George will be teaching the juniors and Mrs Pease, the seniors.

Best of luck to those participating in our Quiz Night tonight. A big thanks to Myke for organising the event and those who have supplied supper. Your support for this event is truly appreciated.

### COP's Athletics

Congratulations to all participants. Eleven children competed this year, with lots of support and encouragement. Thank you to parents for coming along to cheer on our team of athletes and those who helped with transport. We were particularly fortunate to have been offered the running of a food stall for the day. Thank you to Dawn, Marci, Rarangi, Melissa, Jo and Myke for providing some top kai that made a tidy profit. Thank you Alannah and Batch for organising the menu and making the necessary



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purchases.

The children's results are as follows:

Dallas – 1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 boys discus, 1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 boys high jump, 1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 boys sprints, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 boys long jump.

Ratapu – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 boys discus.

Trent – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 7 boys middle distance.

### **Tokikapu Marae Camp**

Students are expected to arrive at school on Tuesday morning at their usual time with all there necessary camp items and lunch etc. Timetables and item lists were distributed several weeks ago.

Children will be transported to the Marae after morning tea with the support of parents who are joining us for the day. Everyone is welcome to join us in the powhiri at 10.30am. Families are welcome to join us for the Tuesday evening pot luck dinner planned for 6.00pm.

Juniors will need to be collected at the end of their Marae sleepover experience on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30pm. Children involved with the choir will need to be picked up from the museum as they will still attend practise that day. Those not involved with the choir, are to be collected from the Marae. Juniors have class as usual on Thursday at school.

Senior students complete their camp experience on the Thursday at approximately 2.30pm. Senior students will need to be collected from the grassed area at the Ruakuri Bush Walk picnic area.

### **Bees**

Last week we had a very interesting experience with a very large swarm of bees. Perhaps the children have mentioned it as it's been quite a focus. Fortunately no one has been stung and the hive was removed yesterday. Bee keepers were called to tend to the swarm and we were able to observe them over the week. If you haven't already done so, talk with your child or children about the bees at school.

### **Working Bee**

There is a working bee at the school pool on Saturday 27 November starting at 10:30am. Please come and spend a few hours helping out with preparing the pool for use. Painting of the pool is not required at this time.

### **Report Evening**

Children's reports and portfolios will be distributed on Friday 10 December. Last years report evening proved to be very successful therefore teaching staff will be available on Monday 13 December in Kauri class from 6.00pm to have a follow up session with parents regarding reports. Discussing reports can be useful when looking at your child's progress and achievement especially as a new reporting format is being used.

Mrs Dimond, Ms Easton, Mrs Pease and Mrs George will be available. Please complete the form that accompanies the report to indicate if you wish to come along to the report evening.

### **School Prizegiving**

Our annual school prizegiving will be held on Thursday 9 December at 5.30pm. The evening will include the presentation of certificates, awards and items from the children concluding with a shared supper to celebrate the school year. Families are asked to please provide a plate of finger food for supper. We are looking forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

### **End of Year Celebrations**

On Tuesday 14 December we are having a 'Toy Day' where children may bring to school one favourite toy they wish to share and play with on this day. We will do our utmost to help with looking after toys however it will be your child's overall responsibility for the toy they bring to school.

On Wednesday 15 December we will be having a 'Party Day' where we have a shared lunch with the children. Everyone will need to bring a plate of finger food. Teachers, with children, will co-ordinate a list of food to bring so we will have a healthy variety of goodies.

### **Head Lice**

Head lice are periodically a problem. We had an outbreak this week so please be diligent over the next few days or so in checking heads. Lice buster shampoo is available from the pharmacy. Contrary to popular opinion, head lice aren't the result of dirty hair, they seem to like the clean heads.

### **Found Property**

We seem to have accumulated a large amount of lost property this term. This will be on display on prizegiving evening. Please take the time to check as any left over items will be recycled.